

Yampa River

Between Hayden (River Mile 177) and Craig (River Mile 147) in Colorado

- Who:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Vernal, Utah
- What:** Northern pike removed from the treatment reaches will be relocated to Elkhead Reservoir or the Yampa State Wildlife Area or other approved waters within Colorado to provide additional or continued angling opportunities for the public. Northern pike from the control reaches (river miles 172B167 and 152B147) will be marked and released back into the river.
- Smallmouth bass captured during the study will be marked and released back into the river at or near the site of capture.
- White suckers captured during the study will be euthanized to prevent potential hybridization with the endangered razorback sucker.
- When:** May through June, 2003
- Why:** See attached questions and answers.
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Other Recovery Program studies/activities within this river section:

- Northern pike spawning habitat exclusion assessment

Between Craig, Colorado (River Mile 120) and Dinosaur National Monument (River Mile 46) in Colorado

Who: Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado

What: Northern pike. Between river miles 119 and 62 there will be two, 8-mile treatment reaches and two, 8-mile control reaches. Northern pike will be removed from the treatment reaches and relocated to Elkhead Reservoir or other approved waters within Colorado to provide additional or continued angling opportunities for the public. Within the control reaches, northern pike will be marked and released back into the river. Any northern pike captured in areas outside of the designated treatment and control reaches will be marked and released back into the river.

Smallmouth bass. Between river miles 119 and 62 there will be three, 3-mile treatment reaches and three, 3-mile control reaches. Smallmouth bass will be removed from the treatment reaches and relocated to Elkhead Reservoir or other approved waters within Colorado to provide additional or continued angling opportunities for the public. Within the control reaches, smallmouth bass will be marked and released back into the river.

Channel catfish. All large (i.e., >16") channel catfish captured between river miles 120 to 46 will be marked and released back into the river.

When: April through June, 2003

Why: See attached questions and answers.

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Other Recovery Program studies/activities within this river section:

- Colorado pikeminnow monitoring/population estimate
- Smallmouth bass bioenergetics study

**Between Dinosaur National Monument (River Mile 46) and the Green River
Confluence (RM 0) in Colorado**

Who: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Vernal, Utah

What: Channel catfish from the control reaches (river miles 37B41 and 20B15) will be marked and released back into the river. Where practical, catfish removed from the treatment reaches will be relocated to Elkhead Reservoir or Kenney Reservoir or other approved waters within Colorado to provide additional or continued angling opportunities for the public. In remote sections of river, catfish will be euthanized.

When: June through September, 2003

Why: See attached questions and answers.

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Other Recovery Program studies/activities within this river section:

- Sediment monitoring
- Humpback chub monitoring/population estimate
- Larval Colorado pikeminnow and razorback sucker monitoring